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Lieutenant Colonel D. N. Otis, USMC
Program Director
The Armed Forces Council
937 Court & Customs House
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Saint Louis, Missouri

Dear Colonel Otis:

Thank you very much for your kind invitation of 20 August which arrived here only today. Your desire to have me speak before the Armed Services Council is very flattering, and I should like to accept at some future time. I cannot accept for the date you suggested, 14 October, because I shall be out of the country from early in September to some time in November.

However, early in the new year, if you so desire, I think I could be available, and it is always pleasant for me to make a visit to Saint Louis. If you are still desirous at that time to have me come out, why not drop me a line some time in December giving me a few dates for after the New Year.

With very best wishes, please believe me,

Sincerely,

Signed and dispatched 8/24

R. H. Hillenkoetter
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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